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SUBJECT.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE.

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No 475/Enl 1 Mysore

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My dear Sir,

With reference to Mr. Bhabha's D.O. letter of the 25th Oct 09 to the Dewan regarding Mr. A. M. Sen, late Damodar Dass Scholar, I enclose a copy of a telegram sent by the Dewan to Mr. Sen to await his arrival at Bombay tomorrow. The telegram has been sent direct to Mr. Sen in view of the urgency of the matter.

Yours Sincerely

Sd) K. Matthan

× not received in the D.O.

J. Weir Esqr.

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CJR 3/11/09

D. O. No. Sr 469

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Secretariat

Bangalore

4. 11. 09

Dear Sir

With reference to your D.O. of yesterday about Mr A of Nirkan Lane - I shall be pleased to come and see the Diwan whenever convenient. I believe the Diwan will

Be in Bangalore today and tomorrow. If you can fix a time for tomorrow I will wire to Mr. Beaumont Smith and get him to come in to see the Doctor about the Shimoga Gold Fields and settle the question of the transfer of licenses. I could speak to the Doctor at the same time about Mr. Sen.

Yours sincerely

W. Meredith

H. Meldrum Esq

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Do. No 480 Bangalore

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Dear Sir,

The Dewan will be glad to see you and Mr. Bosworth Smith in the Public offices on Saturday the 6th instant at 2 P.M.

Yours Sincerely

Sd) K. Matthan

Dr. W. F. Smeeth

State Geologist.

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Bangalore
7th Dec 09

Urgent

D.O.No. 508

My dear Mr.

With regard to Mr. Jit Mohanta, I told you personally that H.E. the Maharaja was desirous of taking him into the service as originally contemplated, and requested you to be good enough to make suitable proposals in that behalf. I understood you to think that work could be found for him such as in connection with the water survey with pushing on with the geological survey and so forth. Kindly let me have your proposals in a definite form for submission to H. H. the Maharaja's notice. His designation might be Mining & State Geologist at the terms already offered to him viz. Rs 300-40-500 and his appointment will be on probation for two years as in the similar case, but not 'temporary'.

Yours sincerely

(Sd) J. Scott

Mr. J. Sweetze.

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D. O. No. 513
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Bangalore
9. 12. 09

My dear Sir,

I am directed by the Dewan to send you the enclosed copy of a telegram received from Dr. Ajit Mohan Sen, and to request you to kindly favor him with an early reply to his D.O. letter No. 508 of the 7th inst. on the subject of Dr. Sen's appointment.

Yours Sincerely
Sd) K. Matthan

Dr W. F. Smeeth
State Geologist
"Copy" CK 9/12/09

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[M. G. D. 22]

MYSORE

GEOLOGICAL DEPT.

TO THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

FOR ORDERS.

SUBJECT :—

Appointment of Mr.Ajit Mohan Sen to the Geological Department.

In reply to your D.O. No.508, dated the 7th instant, asking for my definite proposals in regard to the appointment of Mr. Ajit Mohan Sen to the Geological Department, I can only repeat here the various points which I have already discussed with you personally.

2. I would like it to be quite clear that the proposals regarding the appointment do not originate with me and that I have already expressed the opinion that we have enough officers for the general survey work and do not particularly require Mr.Ajit Mohan Sen's

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Sen's services. I refer to this point because in the case of the Machinery Inspector whom I am at present asking for and whose appointment is urgently needed the Financial Branch has noted adversely to my proposal on the grounds of expense. If therefore Mr. Ajit Mohan Sen is to be given a post it will, I trust be clearly recognized that his appointment shall not interfere with the appointment of the much needed Inspector of Machinery on the score of expense or otherwise.

3. On the other hand I have nothing whatever to say against Mr. Ajit Mohan Sen or his appointment except the fact that it means a mere increase to the staff which in point of numbers is already sufficiently large. Mr. Ajit Mohan Sen appears to have passed his examinations very creditably and may turn out a useful officer after he has had some practical training and experience and if Government wish him to be put on the staff I can of course find plenty of work for him to do.

4. As to the terms of his appointment I beg to protest very earnestly against

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the proposal to make him Third State Geologist. This would mean putting an inexperienced and untried man of whose practical ability we have no knowledge over the heads of our own Assistant Geologists who have been in the Department many years and some or all of whom may be quite as capable as, or more so than, Mr.Ajit Mohan Sen. I do not think that Government could countenance such arbitrary, and in my opinion unfair treatment.

5. The only suitable course is to make Mr.Ajit Mohan Sen an Assistant Geologist. Had the matter been left to me I should have put him in as an Assistant Geologist in the 3rd Grade on Rs.200/- a month but as he has already been given a sort of promise of Rs.300 a month we may have to make an exception in his case and make him an Assistant Geologist of the 1st grade on Rs.300- 450. To go furtner than this would, in my opinion be most unwise as well as unfair to others.

Mr.Ajit Mohan Sen would, I have no doubt, be very glad to get such an appointment as this.

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6. According to the attached copy of a telegram, dated Calcutta, 8th December 1909, Mr.Ajit Mohan Sen has been offered some post with the Bengal Government and it may still be worth while to consider whether it would not be better to permit him to accept, that in view of the fact that we do require other officers for Inspection of Machinery and Boilers and of the financial objections to increasing the staff without urgent need.

W. J. Smeeth

Bangalore, 10th Dec. '09. Secretary to Government, Geological Department.

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D. O. No. 526

Camp Jeypore
12th December 09

My dear Sir,

In resubmitting my
for His Highness' orders the
file regarding about utilising
the services of Mr Ajit Mohan
Sen, late Damodar Das Scholar,
ending with my note of the 18th Nov
1909, I enclose the note received
from Mr Sweett (with the connected
file) in response to my request
to him to send up definite proposals
regarding Mr Sen's appointment.

2 It will be seen that Mr
Sweett is not very keen on giving
any appointment to Mr Sen & I
recognise the force of the considerations
which he has adduced; but it
will also be noted that Mr Sweett he
says that Mr Sen "appears to have
passed his examinations very
creditably", and that there is plenty
of work in the Geol. Dept which
he can give Mr Sen. Our present
staff of Assts Geologists is as
good as can be expected, [illegible]
with considering how they have
been recruited but and what
training they have received, but

For this To DH 590 8)
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they have not had the opportunity of acquiring the training and experience which only association with qualified men working on similar lines elsewhere can give and there is at the present moment a file proposal under consideration ± to depute Mr H.K. Slater (who stood first in the list of Asstt Geologists ± and is now on furlough in England) to Canada to work with the Geological Survey officers there for a very desirable & necessary that we should have suitable men to fall back upon in case of emergencies, and the present opportunity because the services of such a man is are which should not be missed.

3. I therefore recommend that Mr Lee make given a ref with Govt Dept & I agree with Dr Sweet that Mr. Lord designation may be Asstt Geologist instead of Asstt State Geologist, as originally suggested by me. As regards the salary Mr Dr Sweet suggests Rs 300 ~~400~~ 450, but as we have already told Mr Lee ~~that we~~ ~~would delay to~~ that ~~we~~ be if his services are required he would have Rs 300 - 40 - 500, we cannot now offer him less. The appointment may be treated as on probation for five years.

4 I also submit the file regarding the appointment an Inspectory machinery & Rules, to which reference is made in Dr Sweet's note about the appointment of Mr Lee. There is

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of self-interest and of their
own individual reputation &
responsibility which will always
operate upon the Mining Companies
~~and make them to me~~ and
make them employ the best
machinery under the best
Engineers. One great difficulty
in giving effect to Dr Smeall's
proposals is that of finding a
suitable expert who would be
more capable than the Experts
whose advice is already avail-
able to the Mining Companies.
~~We~~ they will find such a man
that will afford us the necessary ~~stimulus~~
temptation ~~to induce~~ to
employ him; but a man of
less qualifications will not
command the respect of the
Mining Companies.

Yours truly
[signature]

R.H. Campbell Esq I.C.S.
Private Secr. to H.E.

D.O.No. 526 (11

Camp Mysore,
12th December 1909.

My dear Sir,

In re-submitting for His Highness' orders the file about utilising the services of Mr. Ajit Mohan Sen, late Damodar Dass Scholar, ending with my note dated the 1st November 1909, I enclose the note received from Dr. Smeeth (with the connected file) in response to my request to him to send up definite proposals regarding Mr. Sen's appointment.

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2. It will be seen that Dr. Smeeth is not very keen on giving any appointment to Mr. Sen and I recognize the force of the considerations which he has adduced; but it will also be noted that he says that Mr. Sen "appears to have passed his examinations very creditably", and that there is plenty of work in the Geological Department which he can give Mr. Sen. Our present staff of Assistant Geologists is as good as can be expected, considering how they have been recruited and what training they have received, but they have not had the opportunity of acquiring the training and experience which only association with qualified men working on similar lines elsewhere can give; and there is at the present moment a proposal under consideration to depute Mr. H.K. Slater (who stands first in the list of

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3. I therefore recommend that Mr. Sen may be given a post in the Geological Department. I agree with Dr. Smeeth that Mr. Sen's designation may be Assistant Geologist instead of Third State Geologist, as originally suggested by me. As regards the salary Dr. Smeeth suggests Rs.300 to 450, but as we have already told Mr. Sen that if his services are required he would be given Rs.300-40-500, we cannot now offer him less. The appointment may be treated as an probation for five years.

4. I also submit the file regarding the appointment of an Inspector of Machinery and Boilers, to which reference is made in Dr. Smeeth's note about the appointment of Mr. Sen. There is considerable force in Dr. Smeeth's remarks about the necessity of such an officer. There is however one defect in them, viz. that he does not appear to make sufficient allowance for the considerations of self-interest and of their own individual reputation and responsibility which will always operate upon the Mining Companies and make them employ the best machinery

under the best Engineers. One great difficulty in giving effect to Dr. Smeeth's proposals is that of finding a suitable expert who would be more capable than the experts whose advice is already available to the Mining Companies. When we find such a man, that will afford us the necessary stimulus and temptation to employ him; but a man of less qualification will not command the respect of the Mining Companies.

Yours Sincerely
Sd. D. Anandarao

R.H. Campbell Esqr., I.C.S.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Nr 515

Mysore
16th Dec 09.

Do 96/Eng 1 file

My dear Sir,

In returning your D.O. Nr. 526 dated 12th instant with the connected files I am instructed to say that Mr. Hughes adheres to his opinion that it would be a mistake to lose Mr Sen's services. He will be appointed as an ~~Assistant~~ Geologist on the conditions as regards pay and probation recommended in your D.O. note. The question of Mr. Sen's engagement is really quite independent of the one ~~of~~ raised by Dr Smeeth regarding the appointment of an Inspector of Machinery and Boilers If an Inspector is really needed his appointment should not be deferred on

financial grounds, but His Highness would like to know in this connection what arrangements have been made by the Mining Companies for the expert inspection of machinery and Boilers This information may be embodied in your note submitting that question for orders.

Yours Sincerely

sd) R. H. Campbell

T. Ananda Row Esqr. B.A.

Dewan & Mysore, Mysore

Dewan's order :—

1. Vide draft Notfn.
2. To Geological Secretary for a note

sd) T. A R 19 Dec 09

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Order:—

The Govt. of H. H the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to appoint Mr. Ajit Mohan Sen M. B. Sc (Birm), A. M. I. M. E., F. G. S as Assistant Geologist in the Mysore State Geological Dept. He will be on probation for five years. His salary will be Rs 300 – 40 – 500 A Notification in the Mysore Gazette will be published on Mr. A. M. Sen reporting himself

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himself to the Secretary to Govt in the Geological Deptt

Secretary to Govt. Geol. Deptt
2d) T.A.R
19 Dec 09.

To

1) The Comptroller
2) The State Geologist
3) A. M. Sen Esqrs
c/o B. M. Sen,
Belabagan,
Baidyanath,
Deoghur (E.I.R)

By post registered for acknowledgement

"Copy"

C.R.
19/12/09.

57/1 Harish Ch Mukherji Road
Bhawanipur
Calcutta.
22nd Dec. 1909.

To
The Hon'ble The Dewan Bahadur
of the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore. Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a telegram came to my home address at Baidyanath — Deoghur. My people in my absence as I was in Calcutta, made a mistake in not ~~accept~~ receiving it; but they asked the Telegraph people to redirect the telegram to my Calcutta address. But afterwards it was found out that the telegram was not redirected to me, but a non-delivery report of it was sent to Mysore.

As soon as I heard this at Calcutta, I sent an urgent message to you at Bangalore, apologising for the mistake made by my people in not accepting the telegram.

Today I have got a Memo from the Calcutta Central Telegraph office to the following effect —

"Your message No. 209 of the 19th inst to Dewan Bangalore remains undelivered, the message was redirected to Mysore by the Bangalore office which was refused by the addressee ....."

So it is evident you have not got my last message.

I shall be much obliged if you kindly let me know what has been decided about my appointment. In case I am appointed, I am willing to join as soon as I am desired to do so. May I request the favour of an early reply to my Calcutta address, so that I might know the decision of the State.

I have the honour to be
Sir.
your most obedient Servant
Ajit Mohan Sen.

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Telegram Ordinary

To

Ajit Mohan Sen Esqre
57/1 Harish Chandra Mukherji Road,
Bhawanipur, Calcutta

Your letter Orders have issued appointing you Assistant Geologist on probation for five years. Monthly Salary three hundred rising to five hundred rupees. Letter already posted to your address at Baidyanath when will you join duty here.

Dewan

Sent
B.E
3 pm 27.12.09

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Telegram dated Calcutta, 30th Dec 09
from W. Ajit Mohan Sen to the Diwan.

Thanks for appointment
telegram and letter × journey
third January × Sen "

Diwan's order:—

To Geological Secretary.

Rd. T. A C. 30 Dec 09.

Reqd in D.O.

1) Tr 515 dt 16 Dec 04 from [illegible] to Delhi ✓
2) To 526 dt 12.12.04 from D to P.S. HP ✓
3) To 513 dt 4.12.04 from U.S. D to Dr. Smetts ✓
4) To 508 dt 7.12.04 from D to Dr. Smetts ✓
5) To 480 dt 4.11.04 from U.S.D to do ✓
6) Tr 449 dt 4.11.04 from Dr. S to U.S.D ✓
7) To. 475 dt 3.11.04 fr U.S.D to Mr. Weir ✓
8) To 474 dt 3.11.04 do Dr. S ✓
9) To 1590 dt 11.2.04 from U.S. D to Mr. Bhabha ✗
10) Tr 260 dt 25.8.04 from Dr. Bhabha to U.S.D ✗
11) To 239 dt 21.8.04 from U.S.D to Dr. Bhabha ✗

Not reqd in D.O.

1) Telegram dt 17.12.04 from D to Berlin – ✗
2) Do 50 dt 20.3.04 from Dr. Bhabha to U.S.D ✗
3) Do. dt 16.3.04 from U.S.D to Dr. Bhabha. ✗

✓ Copy available in D.O
✗ – Copy not available in D.O

Do's found in office files on 19.12.09

Do No. 96 (No 515) dd 16 Dec 09 from P.S. to H.H. to Dewan containing the appt of Mr. A.M. Sen as Asst Geologist on Rs 300 – 40 – 500 on probation for 5 years and stating that if an Inspector of Machinery & Boilers is really needed, the papers on the subject may be submitted to H.H. with information about the arrangements made by the mining Companies for the expert inspection of machinery & boilers

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Telegram dd 17.12.09 from Dewan to Mr. A.M. Sen intimating his appointment as Asst Geologist on Rs 300-40-500 and asking when he would join.

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with a note memo No. 64 dd 17.12.09 from the Telegraph Master, Mysore, that the message has not been delivered.

Do No. 526 dd 12 Dec 1909 from the Dewan to P.S. to H.H. recommending the appt of Mr. A.M. Sen as Asst. Geologist on Rs 300-40-500 and also furnishing his opinion on the question of the appointment of an Inspector of Machinery & Boilers

✓ fair copy

Do. No. 513 dd 9 Dec 09 from H.S.D. to State Geologist calling for an early reply to this Do. letter No. 508 of the 7th Dec 09 on the subject of Mr. Sen's appointment.

✓ fair copy

Do. 508 dd 7 Dec 09 from Dewan to State Geologist asking him to submit definite proposals for providing an appointment to Mr. Sen in the Geol. Dept.

✓ fair copy

Do. 474 dd 3.11.09 from from H.S.D to State Geologist forwarding a copy of the Telegram sent to Mr. Sen at the Barrack in Bombay asking Dr. Smeeth to speak to the Dewan about him

✓ fair copy

✗ fair copy Do. No. 50 dd 20.3.09 (not sep. in Do) from the Khubha to H.S.D explaining how Mr. Sen's services may be utilized.

Off X Do letter dt 16 mar 09 ~~from~~ (not rep? in DO) from USD to Mr Bhabha asking for an early reply to DO letter No 1590 dt 11 Feb ~~last~~ 09 about the future prospects of Mr Sen.

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copy X DO No 1590 dt 11.2.09 from US.D to Mr Bhabha forwarding for opinion Dr Smith's proposals about the future prospects of Mr Sen.

Fair copy X DO No 50 dt 25 Aug 09 (Fr 260) dt 25 Aug 09 from Mr Bhabha to USD forwarding certain correspondence about the question of Mr Sen's appt in the State

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X copy DO. 239 dt 21.8.09 from USD to Mr Bhabha asking him to see the Dewan about the utilization of Mr Sen's services.

DO's not found on office files

✓ DO 480 dt 4 Nov 09 from US.D to Dr Smith fixing time of interview

✓ DO Fr 469 dt 4 Nov 09 from Dr S to USD asking for an interview

✓ DO 478 dt 3.11.09 from USD to Mr Weir about telegram sent to Mr Sen.

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2) [illegible]

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